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In re Application of:
SHIHALE, Thomas, et al.
Application No.: 09/938,283
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Attorney's Docket No.: 81715CIP
For: CONTINUOUSLY CONNECTED
FASTENER STOCK AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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DECISION ON PETITION FOR
REVIVAL OF ABANDONED
APPLICATION UNDER
37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-entitled application, filed January 09, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed June 14, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period of reply of three (3) months. A response was not filed and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application was abandoned as of midnight on September 14, 2005.

On January 09, 2006, applicants filed the petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) considered herein. The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that it includes: (1) the petition fee; (2) the required statement of unintentional delay; and (3) the required reply in the form of a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) accompanied by the necessary fee and submission (the "Amendment" included with the RCE satisfies the submission requirement of 37 CFR 1.114). Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of June 14, 2005 (in the form of the RCE and submission) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 3728.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned.

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